

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

George Gruner

Title:

ACTIVE ELECTRONIC

DEVICES WITH NANOWIRE COMPOSITE COMPONENTS

Appl. No.:

10/582,407

Filing Date:

6/9/2006

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

1754

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) to make special the instant application as of January 4, 2008. It is believed that no fee is due for the instant petition, however, should a fee be required, the PTO is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 22-0261. This petition is submitted on the grounds that the applicant will be 65 years of age or more on January 4, 2008 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c). The purpose for the petition is to obtain special status for this application so that it receives expedited prosecution.

MPEP § 708.02 IV provides that "[a]n application may be made special upon filing a petition including any evidence showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or applicant's statement. No fee is required for such a petition."

In the present case, George GRUNER will be 65 years of age on January 4, 2008. A copy of his driver's license is attached hereto, thereby providing evidence that George GRUNER will be 65 years old on January 4, 2008 and meets the requirements for awarding "special" status to the present application as of January 4, 2008.

Applicants believe they have satisfied all of the requirements for this patent application to be granted special status as of January 4, 2008. Granting this petition is earnestly solicited.

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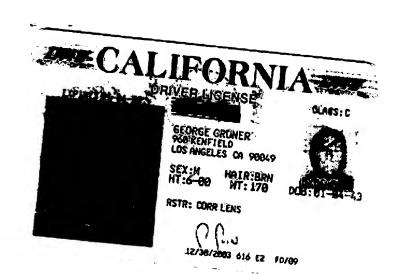
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FEE TRANSMITTAL				Filing Date		June 9, 2006		
For FY 2007				First Named Inventor		George Gruner		
FOI FT 2007				Examiner Name		Not Yet Assigned		
X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27			7	Art Unit		1754		
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 0.00				Attorney Docket No.		58086-232072		
METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)								
Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify):								
X Deposit Account Number: 22-0261 Deposit Account Name: Venable LLP								
For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)								
Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee								
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FEE CALCULATION								
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES								
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Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees	Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100		
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65		
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300		
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0		
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Fee Description Each claim over 20 (include	ling Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)							200	100
Multiple dependent claims 360 180								
Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee F				Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims				
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE								
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer								
listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).								
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4. OTHER FEE(S) Fees Paid (\$)								
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